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Professional Actress Comes to BCC

Deborah Downey

by Charlie Kim

Theatre-BCC Director Angelo Zuccolo recently announced the forthcoming arrival of New York City professional actress Deborah Downey to the Broome campus on February 15. Miss Downey, a graduate of BCC and a product of its theatre department will be on campus for three weeks until March 7. While here, she will be making presentations and working with students in all acting classes. In addition, she will be appearing as "Anne" in the Theatre-BCC production of the three-time "OBIE" (Off Broadway award) winner, "Ashes", by David Rudkin. The play will be presented at the College's Little Theatre March 5, 6 and 7, 1982.

Miss Downey is presently working in New York City where she has appeared in a variety of theatre and New York showcases, which include productions of: "Barefoot In The Park", "How The Other Half Loves", "Joe Egg", and "The Pageant Of Nuclear Waste". Currently Miss Downey is appearing in a national television commercial for Riunite wines. During her career Miss Downey has worked with such famous names in the theatre as Gene Frankel and Sandford Morris, among others.

In regard to Miss Downey's working with BCC's theatre students Angelo Zuccolo noted:

"We are extremely fortunate to have Miss Downey with us for a three-week engagement at BCC. To have someone of her professional calibre working with our theatre students, both in the classroom and on stage, will provide learning opportunities which are indeed unique. Miss Downey's insight concerning careers in the theatre, in addition to the context of her theatre class presentations stressing character development techniques, method acting, and auditioning skills among others, will be a tremendous asset to our program."

Fare Increase in Two Years

by Andrew Kleske

The Federal budget cuts are going to deprive the Broome Transit Company of between $800,000 and $900,000 a year beginning within the next three years and will have a great effect on the business practices of that organization.

The possible increase of the bus rates within the next two years has been confirmed by many sources including Deputy County Executive James Lee, "I think that maybe down the line there will be increases", said Lee, "I'm not at liberty to tell you what the increase will be."

College students have always paid a reduced rate for bus travel, but that may not be the case when the federal cuts go into effect. Gary Smith, Vice President of Student Affairs, believes that the county legislature could make any of three decisions: either to leave the reduced rate as it stands when the public rate goes up, raise them in the proportion to the public increase, or cancel the program completely.

"There's always the possibility of any of these" said Smith. Lee said that he believed the legislation would not raise the student rates. At this point there is no definite answer but public action could help the county make their decision.

Broome County Census:

Population Loss Revealed

by Andrew Kleske

The 1980 census has come up with some very startling figures concerning Broome County. The County of Broome was discovered to have lost 3.7 percent of its population over the 10 year period between 1970 and 1980. With the total growth and loss in population in the different municipalities throughout Broome County, it is estimated that the county has lost some 8167 people.

The greatest loss of population was seen in the city of Binghamton with a total loss of 8263 people, 12.9 percent of the total population. The Town of Union lost 3311 people, 5.1 percent of the total population, and the Village of Endicott lost 2099, 12.7 percent of its total population. Other towns and villages had losses of between 5 percent and 9 percent including the village of Johnson City with a loss of 899 people and the Town of Maine with a loss of 580 people.

Many of the Towns in Broome had a growth in population which helped to hold down the average for the county. The Town of Conklin had an increase of 805 people, Fenton had an increase of 681 people, Colesville had an increase of 545 people, and Nanticoke had an increase of 405 people, a 39.7 percent increase in population.

The loss of population means a loss of revenue for business and government, and the next census should prove to be even more startling, one way or another. Binghamton's Mayor Crabb plans to attack the problem of population decline with a program geared towards bringing in new businesses and industries. The large amount of the Federal military budget being spent in this area to such companies as GE and Singer-Link, and the opening of the Savin plant are expected to increase population.

Fraternity Unwraps

by John Quain

Sigma Epsilon Chi, a service fraternity, has reformed on campus after ten years of inactivity. The fraternity was formed in the fall of 1967, and became recognized by the college in 1969.

The purpose of Sigma Epsilon Chi is to promote brotherhood within the Fraternity, and to stimulate and sponsor social activities as well as serve the school and the community.

Sigma Epsilon Chi prides itself in the activity and aggressiveness of its members, who have worked and will always work to make our organization the best of its kind. Some of the Fraternity's past projects were: the donation of the Flag Pole located at the front of the school, work on development of the school directory, participation in blood drives, toy collections at Christmas for underprivileged children, Environmental clean-up days, as well as visits to the children's wards of hospitals. Many similar projects are planned for the current semester.

We are actively involved in expanding our membership. Any student wishing to pledge the Fraternity or our sister sorority should see John Quain or Kevin Dempsey in the USG Office in the Union, Rob Feister in the Union Managers office, Jim Meddleton in the Fulcrum office (located in the Union), or Ted Kephart, our pledge master.

Chicago City Limits:

Improvisation and Comedy

by Jim Meddleton

On Saturday, February 6, the BCC Program Board presents a Dinner Evening with the "Chicago City Limits." The evening will be from 6:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.

The "Chicago City Limits", much to the nature of the "Manhattan Transfer," with their improvisational and comedy act, will be performing two 45 minute sets. In the interim, dance to the music of "Sound Around."

The evening will be complete with wine cocktail, a ham dinner, night club entertainment and dancing. Bring your own bottle set-ups will be provided.

There is a limit of 400 reservations with tickets on sale (at the Student Activities Office in The Union) through noon, Feb. 3. Tickets are $3.50 for Full Time students, and $4.50 for faculty, staff, and the general public.

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A Lesson in Neglect

By Jim Meddleton

A dear friend is passing away with the snowfalls of winter. It isn't as though this comes as a surprise, he's been neglected for a long time now. He's been ill for years.

There are times when the light of hope comes shining through and we catch glimpses of brighter days, but these are temporary. With each diminished light of hope, his condition worsens. My friend is compassion and for no apparent reason, compassion has acquired a materialistic context. This means he can be turned on and off; be used up and thrown away.

Compassion's illness was first revealed to me, in strict confidence of course (he didn't wish his situation known), with my familiarization of John Fitzgerald Kennedy. Too young to vividly remember the man, my acquaintance with Kennedy and what he stood for was brought to existence through reading.

Yes, Mr. Kennedy certainly had compassion for his fellow men. A politician though he was, he was a politician who did not put his feelings for people out the back door.

Yes, the people loved him. My friend compassion was bubbling with life. Never had he been so popular, his dreams were becoming reality. He was actually touching peoples' hearts, thus their minds, and consequently their actions. This is why he existed; he served to make people take a look at themselves and their fellow worldwide men. There was hope!

John Fitzgerald Kennedy was assassinated by Lee Harvey Oswald on November 23, 1963.

With the fulfilling hope of JFK vanished, my friend was further downtrodden with the onslaught of war in Vietnam. My friend asked me years later, when my wordly experience had broadened a bit, why? Was it necessary to destroy life, cause international as well as national strife, and pour billions of dollars into an unworthy cause. He simply did not comprehend the situation and his outlook deteriorated.

He survived into the next decade, passing through such painful encounters as Watergate and its proceeding outgrowths, along with the horrendous plight of the "developing countries" coupled with neglect by wordly leaders.

As compassion sorrowfully emerged into the eighties, in particular this past year, slight hope, if any at all, existed. His illness simply blew out of proportion.

First, there was the attempted assassination oo the head of the Roman Catholic Church. If there was any occurrence which "broke the camel's back", this was definitely the culprit.

An individual whose main concern was worldwide peace and welfare, the Pope had devoted his life to proclaiming peace, harmony throughout the world, forgiveness, love . . . If ever there was a symbolic figure of my friend compassion, this man was it.

Yet his life and all he stood for was endangered by a gun-wheeling idiot. Compassion shall never understand why and yet because he is who he is, forgiveness was at hand just as the Pope forgave.

Mr. Anwar Sadat has recently left us. He too was gunned down. Need I explain why compassion has once again suffered. I think not, it should be obvious.

People seem to be following their minds in the endeavors they pursue these days. Maybe people should follow their hearts, they're more intelligent. It might produce results.

It Will, Take Time

by Jim Meddleton

President Reagan delivered his State of the Union Address on February 26, 1981. He seemed confident.

President Reagan never possesses an air of doubt. He spoke of the federal government taking over the $19 billion dollar Medicaid program from the states in 1984. The states would in turn take over the $16 billion food stamp and basic welfare programs.

He stated that by 1988 the states will have complete control over more than forty programs now run by the federal government.

Mr. Reagan is quoted as saying that these proposals will delete "cumbersome administration" while making the programs "more responsive both to the people they are meant to help and the people who pay for them."

This is convincing, especially in the manner which Mr. Reagan presented it to the American people. These are the ideals of a true Democracy, government by the poeple.

This is not feasible. This is 1982, Mr. Reagan speaks of 1984 and 1988.

Unemployment rates are higher than they have even been in the past decade; interest rates are soaring; senior citizens as well as those on the middle and lower end of the economic scale are finding it more difficult to pursue a decent living. All of the preceding in the past year.

When Mr. Reagan took office a year ago, his manner was charming, yet firm and confident. He spoke of turning the economy around, "but it will take time." When President Reagan delivered his State of the Union Address on February 26, President Reagan spoke of continuing his provisions for an about face of the economy while also speaking of 1984 and 1988. "It will take time."

In the interim, students will have to pursue their higher educational goals with an existing federal cutback on student loans. Many potential students, anxious to pursue their goals will not be able to do so.

Those who do acquire a loan will be faced with the prospect of repaying those benefits when their schooling has been completed. But what of the future? Many of us hope to leave college with the ability to not only pursue a career, but also to have a home of our own, raise a family, and have a decent standard of living. Simply decent, not extravagant.

I hope this will be possible. I hope unemployment rates diminish, interest rates decrease, and that the states are capable of handling the responsibility of government without exploiting the services of the ordinary individual of whom there are a majority in this nation.

Mr. Reagan feels that it is only a matter of time . . . Maybe.

Has Reagan Produced?

by Brian Napp

Dreams can be dangerous, you know. Not the kind in your sleep, mind you, but the ordinary kind. Just the other day I led myself to believe for a second that the Reagan administration had accomplished most of what it set out to do when he took office a year ago. I should be so naive.

A balanced budget, a decrease in federal spending, an elimination of fraud in the administration of social programs, and a stronger defense program; weren't these all part of the grandiose platform of the conservative Republican candidate we voted for. Now I don't mean to suggest that any administration can accomplish, in its first year of office, noticeable gains in all the areas in which it has promised change. I don't think the Office of the President should take the brunt of criticism all the time, but it seems only fair that when the President delivers his State of the Union address this week that we take a hard look at how well the President has met the challenges he laid out for himself, and more importantly, how much is left to be done. Should we be content with the leadership of the current policymakers, or do we have cause for alarm?

Has the President's program really led the nation's economy on the road to recovery? Are his tax cuts viable, and have the gut issues of unemployment and inflation really been met with a stiff arm? And what of some of the more emotional issues that such groups as the Moral Majority, the National Conservative Caucus, and other right wingers used to sway votes from traditionally liberal democrats: issues such as abortion, separation of church from state, prayer in the schools, gun control, desegregation, etc. Has the President stuck to his guns, and remained loyal to his constituents, and if he has, has he really addressed these issues with any visible result?

In a year where we have seen our President and his aides involved in an assassination attempt, a year where we have seen the Pope felled by an assailant, and a year where political terrorism and discontent with the government in many countries continues to be on the upswing, we wonder if the President has taken a strong enough stand against those who continue to demonstrate their dissatisfaction with their current situation by violent, brutal means.

Finally, we must consider the core issue: has the President maintained the trust of the people and his policy makers and demonstrated that he can lead us in the direction which he set forth a year ago. Perhaps the signs are obvious but much may remain to be seen.

Letters to the Editor must be signed.

For publication, signatures may be omitted upon request and at the discretion of the Editor.

If you have comments about campus activities, share them with us and the student body.

Foreign Students Welcome Your Help

by Patricia Weller

I know that many of you think that the International Student Club is only for our foreign students. This is an inaccurate assumption. According to the club's constitution the purpose of the club is as follows: "To meet and share common experiences. The primary objective of the club is to bring about an understanding and knowledge of different cultures among the entire student body. This objective shall be met through social, educational, and cultural events on and off the campus."

Our foreign visitors need your friendship and help to truly make the club international. We need your suggestions. You may belong to another club on or off campus which would provide a cultural exchange for both your club's membership and for our new friends. Or, you may be interested in inviting one or several of them to your home for a holiday or for a family activity. They miss their families and friends and have expressed an interest in sharing common experiences with American students and their families.

Do come to our meetings (which will be posted) and keep us informed throughout the school year of your ideas. And, if you can't come to every meeting, we still want your suggestions for activities and events. Just phone me at ext. 5103 or drop me a note. My office number is T-226.

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Bugs Burg

by Andrew Kleske

A Funny Thing Happened the Other Day . . .

by Brian Napp

A funny thing happened the other day. Just as I thought I was comfortably settled into the routine of the spring semester, two men who looked as though they could pass as professional bodyguards, showed up at my door. I spotted the formidable pair, wearing matching pinstriped suits, as they slammed the doors of their black Lincoln Continental and walked up with a "We mean business" style. "Oh my God", I said to myself, "it's the Mafioso. Even Jimmy Breslin isn't gonna believe these guys." Fearing the worst, I first considered slipping out the back way, but a loud voice shouted, "You'd better open up son." Trembling, I reluctantly rebutted, "Alright guys, I know a joke when I see one, but isn't this going a bit too far?"

"This is no joke. We're from the BBI, Broome Bureau of Investigation, Claims division, and we've got reason to believe you haven't paid your spring tuition bill yet."

Quivering, I opened the door. One of the men opened his attache case, revealing a myriad of pink slips, one for every imaginable infraction.

"Alright, you're No. 082-50-3771 and we've got you on section 42-1, tuition evasion. We don't want to have to get rough, so it would be in your best interest to cooperate fully."

Fearing the worst, I pleaded, "But I wrote out a check for $446 to BCC over two weeks ago."

"I'm sorry, but we have no record of such a transaction, and if you continue to argue, we will have to get legal about this. And if I leave it to my subordinate, Mario, you may be deregistered permanently, if you know what I mean", haggled the shorter man, as he pointed his finger at me.

"But I've got a cancelled check right here." Producing the check after frantically shuffling through my textbooks, I waved it at the gorillas.

"Oh, well maybe the computer made a mistake", he quipped, as he put his foot in his mouth.

"Well I guess so", I fired back.

The gurus were still not pacified. "But with the services we have rendered in processing your bill, we will have to add on an additional $20 late fee to expedite your re-registration into your classes."

"You'd better consider exiting quietly before I call on two very hungry and obedient German shepherds", I quipped, as the pair stared at each other, turned around, and put their tails between their legs, so to speak.

I haven't seen the sharks since.

Helpful Advice to BCC Transfer Students

by M. Crandall

The transfer to a 4 year college after graduation from Broome Community College is generally a positive experience.

After the original paper work is completed, such as the application and acceptance, there is still registration to consider.

SUNY-Binghamton has simplified this procedure, and therefore reduced the shock of transfer and registration. They have designed a program specifically for the transfer student entering from another college. A special Transfer Day is offered during which General Advisement Sessions are held, Individual Faculty Advisement is also available, schedules are prepared with assistance, and registration is completed. I.D. pictures are taken, cars are registered, and any other incidental questions can be answered. Breakfast and lunch is also served. There are tours around the campus so that students will be familiar with building locations before the first day of classes. The cost of the program this year was $18.00. If one takes advantage of all the program has to offer, it is well worth the money.

Discussion with several transfer students from the 1981 class of BCC confirms that a great majority of the credits earned transferred to their new college. This proved to be no problem.

Despite the ease with which transfer is now handled at most colleges, there is still the shock of the first day on a larger campus. New classrooms, new surroundings, and knowing only a few students out of the thousands that pass by every day, all contribute to a feeling of strangeness at first. They soon become familiar and comfortable.

Gerry Tarnoff said of her transition from BCC to SUNY-Binghamton; "Except for minor inconveniences, such as the cancellation of a major course (with no notice) and getting lost in the Fine Arts Building, the transition from BCC to SUNY has been a positive experience.

Some of the things that helped me feel at come:

1. The presence of many BCC people on campus! (a dozen or so that I know personally.)

2. A young student who graciously offered on registration day to show me the location of the Book Store, the Post Office, etc., and who gave me many valuable tips.

3. The willingness of professors to help me when I was trying to find a substitute for my cancelled course, (even when I called them at home),

When your questions aren't answered at first, be persistent, it pays off. Students and faculty are approachable, but you must say the first "hello" and ask the first question, or conceivably you will be passed by like the proverbial "bump on a log."

Don Sbarra said the major difference he noted was that each professor expected more of him. More emphasis is placed on the length of term papers. He used to be required to do 3 page papers, now he is expected to write 10 page reports.

There is a writing requirement of a lower level course and an upper level course at SUNY-Binghamton and other students made mention of the added emphasis on English and the general overall increased length of term papers in most classes.

Rose Anne Rose, a 1980 Graduate of BCC said:

"When I arrived on the SUNY-binghamton campus, my first feeling was one of utter confusion. The size overwhelmed me, and I had the firm belief that I would never find anything. Of course, after a week or two, I knew my way around, at least enough to find my way to classes.

"My specific complaints concerned the things I had taken for granted at Broome, and found missing at SUNY. Among these: the Adult Club, the microwave oven in the Business Lounge, the numerous change machines, and being able to get daily refunds in malfunctioning machines. Remember when the machine service men were on campus daily, and gladly gave refunds?

"I went from being part of a group of close friends, to being a "small fish in a large pond." Alientaion and the lack of familiar faces combines with the depersonalization of a large university to remove the "personal touch." Classes with 200 students replaced the days of teachers who knew you by your first name, and cared about you as an individual."

Christine DeAngelis, now attending SUNY-Oneonta as a Theatre Major, is very much satisfied with the ease of her transfer as well as the credits accepted. She said, "Just tell everyone I miss them at BCC. I made so many good friends there that I will always remember. I'm happy here, though," and she added, "as long as BCC was not a 4 year college. I'd like to have stayed."

If you are graduating from BCC in the Spring of '82, now is the time to contact the Counseling Center at Broome, to discuss the paperwork necessary to apply to the college of your choice. The problems associated with the transfer can be eliminated by tackling them one at a time. If you are planning to enter SUNY-Binghamton, and live in the immediate area, attending one of three summertime terms offered every year will also help to ease the admustment.

Each student has a problem that is uniquely theirs to confront at sometime during the transfer. The Admissions Office and Orientation Office at the transfer college has dealt with many problems before, and stand ready to help. approach the transfer with a positive attitude, and half the battle is won.

A Christmas party was sponsored by USG, Sigma Epsilon Chi, and the The Citadel, on December 22, 1981 . . .

included was ping pong, pool, good friends, and good luck wishes.

Suzy Goguen wishes new USG President Mark Wood Good Luck!

Union Manager Rob Fiester and girlfriend Amy Nowalk.

USG Vice President of Internal Affairs John Quain.

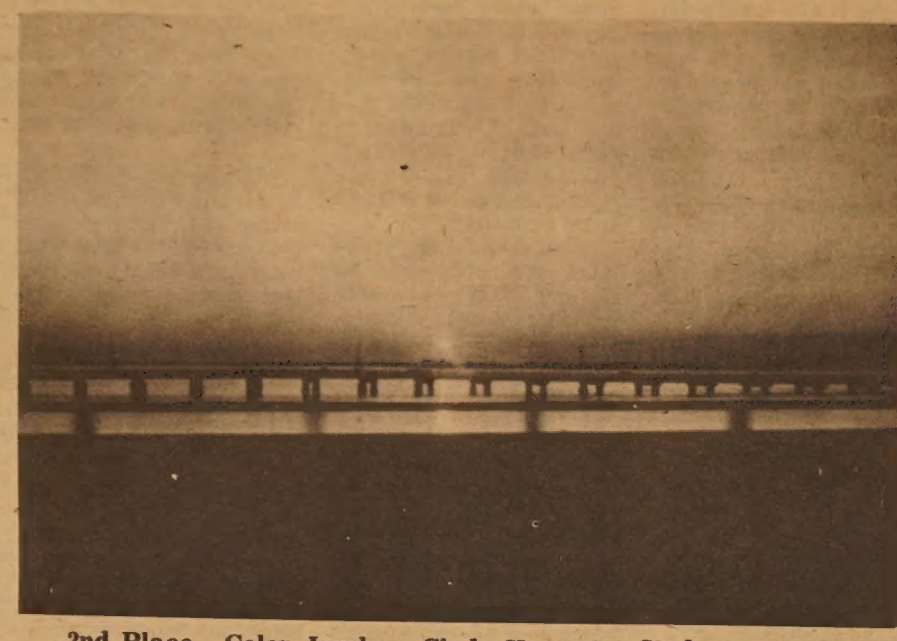
Maureen Boyd and Jim Gormley test their skills on the pool table.

Yearbook Editor Debbie Bonafino.

USG Senior Representative Diana Kloss.

BCC Camera Club Photo Contest

1st Place - Color Jumbos. Karen Labosky, ES Student



2nd Place - Color Jumbos. Cindy Kane, LA Student

1st Place and Best of Show. Mary Chittenden, LA Student.

The campus wide photography contest, sponsored by the BCC Camera Club was a resounding success.

On Wednesday, December 9, judges Stan Gazda and Gene Swierkosz (staff photographers at NYSEG and 50 year veterans in the photography business) began pre-judging the more than 200 entries.

After introductory remarks by Kurt Nelson, Camera Club president, and John Young, Camera Club advisor, the judges began the process of selecting first, second, and third place winners from among the finalists.

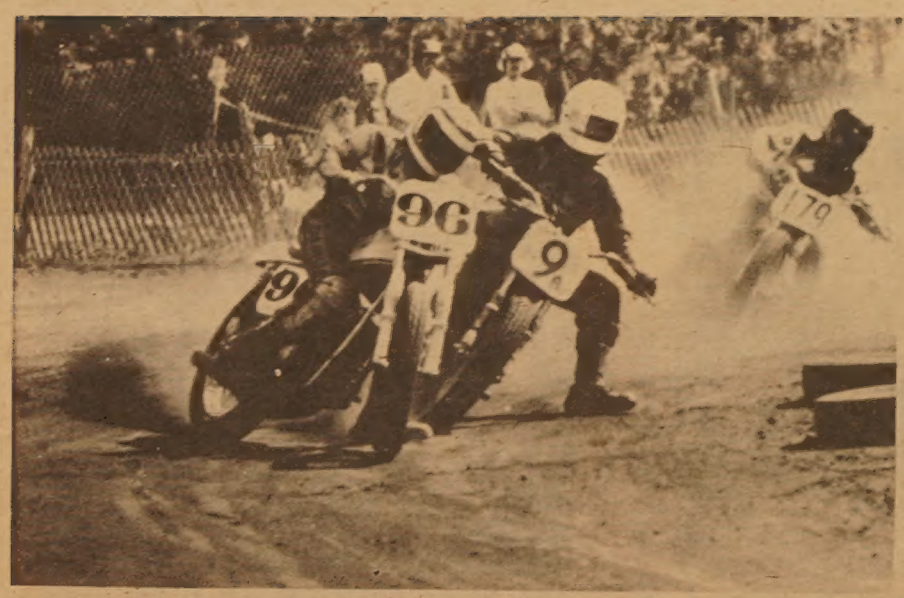
The judges remarked during this time that while having judged many previous contests, the quality of the photos entered in this contest surpassed what they usually expect to find.

After the actual judging, Mr. Gazda and Mr. Swierkosz shared their expertise with the more than 50 people present in the audience. Tips and ideas on how to improve their photographic talents helped to make the event an interesting learning experience.

The winning prints were displayed throughout December and January in the entrance lobby to the library to the Library.

2nd Place - Color Enlargements. Joan Stronghilos, Para Legal Student.

There were four categories of judging, namely color enlargements, color jumbos, black and white enlargements, and black and white jumbos.



3rd Place - Color Jumbos. Mark Crowley, ES Student.

3rd Place - Color Enlargements. Mary Chittenden, LA Student.

Wednesday, December 9, 1981

2nd Place - Black and White Enlargements. Beth Fisher, Data Processing Student

Judges Stan Gazda (L) and Gene Swierkosz (R) judge BCC's Camera Club Photo Contest

1st Place - Black and White Enlargements. Mike Cucci, LA Student.

Camera Club wants to extend its sincere thanks to everyone who entered prints. These helped make the contest a successful undertaking.

A very special thank you to BCC's Program Board for underwriting the prize money.

Our congratulations to all the winners and a big thank you to the judges.

Camera Club will sponsor another photo contest next Fall, so keep on snapping, you too could be a winner.

The various winners, as well as second and third place are pictured here and on the opposite page.

Congratulations and thanks to everyone!

1st Place - Black and White Jumbos. Mike Cucci, LA Student.

2nd Place - Black and White Jumbos. J. Jay Earl, LA Student.

3rd Place - Black and White Enlargements. Sandy Westgate, LA Student

Improve Writing Across Campus

by Jim Meddleton

What percentage of a CPA examination to certify accountants requires a response in essay form? What do many teachers see as a major problem with Computer Science students? What is the chief writing problem which many faculty members are most concerned with?

These, among many other questions are bonded by a subject pertinent to each, writing skills. Colleges across the nation are attempting to divert attention to this area, more specifically, student writing.

There is practically unanimous agreement that a problem exists. Many students at the college level, it is cited, experience difficulty in writing clear, logical, and grammatically correct prose. There is much discussion of the matter, by way of the media, by businessmen, commentators, and other professionals.

Consequently, colleges across the nation have developed committees to investigate and attempt some solution to the problem. Colleges in the surrounding area, many of whom accept transfer students from Broome Community College, have initiated extensive programs. SUNY Binghamton is an example.

In the fall semester of 1981, Broome Community College initiated its own WAC (Writing Across the Campus) Committee. This not only expresses the college's concern regarding the situation, but mainly is an instrument to make faculty and administrators alike aware of the problem. This in turn will aid students in the improvement of their writing skills.

The Chairman of the committee, Professor Richard Stoner, prepared a mini-grant on mini-courses in basic skills in 1979. In 1981, Mr. Stoner with the assistance of Professors Ernie Giordani, Charles Quagliata, and Antoinette Aleccia prepared a mini-grant on Writing Across the Campus. Several faculty surveys were conducted within these grants and their results corresponded with the results of national surveys and studies.

In the fall semester of 1981, the WAC Committee required each of its members to survey his-her department (the committee consists of a member of each curriculum department at BCC) with the questions of does a writing problem exist; if so, what skills are lacking?

The results of this survey proved more complex than had been expected:

1. faculty who ask for student writing find it gravely deficient in clarity, concreteness, and logic
2. many faculty have given up assigning writing in their courses not only because of the increased number of students but also because of their inability to devote enough time to correct the often incomprehensibility of student writing
3. some faculty, especially in the sciences and math areas don't see the need for or use of student writing in their courses.

The first two observations proved consistent with national findings. Clarity and logical completeness of writing proved to be the most pressing problem experienced among educators, businessmen and others as they deal with writing. More often than not, proper grammatical usage, which many would assume as the major problem, appeared last on the list.

Also, in an open admissions institution such as Broome Community College, even though the quality of student writing diminishes, the number of students increases. By way of this increase, class size is increased and less time is available for an instructor to devote attention to writing problems.

The third problem appeared as one not expected by the committee. It was assumed that writing was an integral, necessary part of any course. This does not appear to be the case.

Thus the committee has, as one of its major goals, to develop faculty as well as student awareness to writing skills. The committee has, and will continue to meet with various faculty in a discussion of problems. Many have already responded with great enthusiasm. Professor Robert Newcombe of the Business department has invited Mrs. Kay Buckley, an English instructor, to attend a regional meeting of business faculty to discuss writing in the business world. Biology and Chemistry faculty have incorporated writing statements into their course outlines, as well as intending to use more writing assignments in their courses and laboratories. The Writing Center (located in the Library) is a service for students to gain assistance with writing.

BCC President Donald Beattie and Vice-President for Academic Affairs Terry Cline issued this joint statement:

"The caliber of many of our student's writing at BCC concerns us all. Thus the newly formed committee on "Writing Across the Campus" provides all faculty with a forum for intelligent discussion regarding writing skills, and also with an avenue through which we may establish campus-wide writing standards."

The members of the WAC Committee are:

Mr. Terry Buran	MA
Mr. Blaine Ellis	MT
Mr. Joe Long	CH.
Mrs. Mary Price	RN
Mrs. Suzanne Sullivan	LRC
Mr. Alan Dixon	ET
Mr. John Langan	CS
Mr. Bob Newcombe	BUS.
Mr. Richard Stoner	ENG.
Mr. Dave Walsh	BIO
Associate Members	
Mr. Ernie Giordani	ENG.
Miss Antoinette Aleccia	ENG.
Mr. Charles Quagliata	DEAN
Mrs. Kathy McKenzie	Math

Editor's Note: As a result of this introduction to the WAC Committee, perhaps more interest will be attuned to the problem at hand, interest may be developed, or no reaction at all will be rendered. Whatever the case may be, with regard to personal preference, this newspaper feels that the problem is a genuine one. One which does exist, which should be explored, and one which should be, to its greatest extent, alleviated. Thus attention will be given in this publication as to the nature of the proceedings and subsequent findings of the committee. However, it is felt that more of an impact may be felt if the scope of the problem were viewed outside of the educational system. We intend to do just that. This in no way indicates that we view the problem with less concern regarding our college and its students. The problem originates here, but where does it expand? The next issue will deal with writing in the business world.

Career Detection Is Just For You

A major cause of frustration among college students is an absence of clearly defined educational and career goals. According to Erik Erikson, a famous psychoanalyst in the area of human development, the stage one reaches during adolescent years is defined as a period of "identity crisis"which continues into adult life. This is a stage in which individuals see themselves for the first time in the midst of a vast world where they are expected to organize their lives and undertake complex responsibilities. This is a very difficult task when we know little about the way the world functions around us, and it is even more difficult when we know little about the way we can function in the world.

Sigmund Freud, father of psychoanalytic psychology stresses that the two most important ingredients to human happiness and success is found in the development of love and work. Therefore, many human service professionals feel that individuals can cut down on identity confusion by developing social relations and career goals.

The career development objective is to bring into awareness the learning and development of a lifetime in the form of interest, aptitudes, skills, and values, and channel them into a livelihood in light of economic trends and conditions known as occupations.

This simply means that by getting in touch with who we are, we learn something about our interests, aptitudes, and skills. It then becomes much easier to approximate the type of career in which we would most likely be happy and successful. Once we have given serious thought to and researched the variety of career areas, it becomes easier to set career goals for our lives. Such goals give us a direction and a purpose in life. They help us to know who we are in relation to the world around us, and this gives us a feeling of self-worth, or an "identity".

For those of you who have not yet developed academic and career objectives the CAREER DETECTION WORKSHOP is just for you. The first part of this workshop will help you to explore your interest, aptitudes, and values. It is a process of becoming aware of who we are, our strong points and skills, and how to become vocationally successful in the future. The CAREER DETECTION WORKSHOP discusses the term, "career" and how it can be viewed in the 80s. It helps us to explore the job market and shows us how to set goals for the future.

If you are an individual interested in combatting the confusion and frustration that comes with an absence of career direction and goals, contact Isabel Zucco in the Nimmonsburg Counseling Center at 772-5240 for more information on the CAREER DETECTION WORKSHOP.

Fee Increase Being Studied

Mr. Bruce MacGregor

by Andrew Kleske

An increase in the student activities fee is being studied by a committee at BCC, said Gary Smith, Vice President of student affairs. This committee will soon study the possibility of raising both full-time and part-time activities fees said Bruce MacGregor, Director of Student Activities. United Student Government President, Sue Goguen said she was unaware of the committee and its proposals but said, "I can see the rationalization behind an increase."

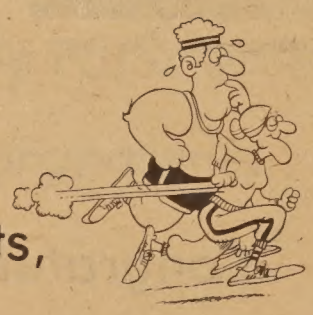
BCC's activities fee of $25 is $4.48 below the average for 2-year colleges, said MacGregor. "My hope is that the full-time students fee will be raised $5." Most 2-year colleges charge a fee for part-time students on a scale, dependent on the number of credit hours taken. MacGregor said he would like to see this at BCC rather than the present $2 fee because it would allow part-time students to participate in activities from which they have been excluded in the past." Part-timers could call themselves students," MacGregor said.

MacGregor and Anthony Fiorelli, Director of Financial Aid at BCC Said that they feel the increase will help maintain the quality of BCC's activities following a $30,000 roll-over, from past years, being worked into the 1981 budget. Without this $30,000, there will be no extra funds for special activities and the present activities fees will not produce a roll-over next year, said Fiorelli.

Smith, MacGregor and Fiorelli, all members of the committee and all in favor of some kind of fee increase, agree that the increase is only a possibility, "It is just being considered at this point", said Smith. The committee's final proposals to raise the fees must first be considered by President Donald Beattie and his staff and then presented to the Trustees for the final decision, Smith said.

"I think it is logical to conclude that the fees will be increased" said Fiorelli.

Future Gym Expansion With Gov. Carey's Budget Cuts, Is It Still in the Running?



NOTE: The following were the hopes for the future of the building expansion. What effects will Governor Carey's budget cuts have? Watch in next issue.

by Andrew Kleske

The Broome County Legislature has approved a $3 million plan for expansion of the B.C.C. gymnasium, although the actual cost of the project has not been agreed upon, said Broome County Budget Officer W. Michael McCue. "There is a commitment toward improvement," said McCue.

The project has had a number of contrasting estimates as to what the final cost would be, said McCue, partly due to the combining of the dining room expansion project with the gymnasium project, and the fear that inflation will underbudget the construction.

Vice President for Administration at B.C.C., Robert Kane, said he had been hoping for more money: "We may have a problem expanding that $3 million figure," said Kane.

College officials will be meeting with Broome County Executive, Carl Young, the Education Committee and the Trustees, during the next few months to discuss the possibility of getting more money for the project, to discuss funding levels and to develop a construction time table, said Kane.

McCue said that these meetings will be important to discuss the specifics of the project, such as which is more important, the expansion of locker room space or a racket-ball court. McCue said that the $3 million sum will be sufficient once the college establishes its priorities.

The proposed expansion will extend from the existing gymnasium almost to the tennis courts, and will include new locker rooms, athletic offices and an expanded area for the theater groups.

"We could expect completion sometime in the spring of 1984, " said Kane.

CREATIVE CORNER

Free Flight

By Brian Napp

A glider soars from jagged cliffs,
a gull swoops down, toward white sand drifts,
The waves wash up, upon the shore,
the bird dives into the thunderous roar.

The pilot maneuvers his fragile craft,
he drifts along, he follows the draft,
The gull now rises, it flaps its wings,
it guides the man, assurance it brings.

Wings arch open, guiding the air,
while aluminum and nylon stagnantly hang there,
Against the sunset, it reflects the blaze,
to those on the beach, it attracts their gaze.

The glider circles, smooth curves it makes,
but the gull soars higher, it dominates,
The pilot tires, pondering his plight,
while the gull continues his effortless flight.

If only man too, could flap his wings,
like the birds of the air those marvelous things,
The gull soars beautifully apart,
from man's restraints, with wild fleeting darts.

How glorious a creature, indeed, is man,
to ponder, to think, to reason, to plan,
But now—he overextends his bounds,
the craft falls short, the crowd gathers 'round.

The pilot curses, then lifts his head,
to gaze at the beauty unfurled overhead,
He sighs, glancing at his crippled creation,
man out of his environ, an aberration.

Fixing his eyes, in an innocuous daze,
he follows the gull, trailing off in the haze,
Drifting, fleeting far from man's sight,
journeying onward, in effortless flight.

by J. M.

E.L.

With a warm, summer night
came a new feeling, special
one not felt before
one forever felt again.

With the beauty of autumn
the feeling remained
as special and as gentle
as was always dreamed.

The snowfalls of winter
brought the cold
the strength of caring,
kept the feeling warm.

A feeling to know
the future bright
as special, as caring,
as fate would have it.

Citrus Grace

by Dan DeVona

Eating one, the Christmas sting still
celebrating on my fingertips,
I decided that one doesn't peel
a tangerine - one husks it, like a jacket from your back.
That's why I champion it among citrus.
Once the peel is pulled from the fruit, not
unlike the motion one would use to unsheath
a baseball of its cowhide figure eights,
the remaining ring of slices look and crowd
each other like a huddle of fat fine shrimp
pool-size on a cocktail.
And the pulp, the webbing of white pulp
which gives the fruit the resistance I enjoy
when I husk it, I eat-as I would the fine
white cobwebs that grace aging
bottles of wine.

Spirit

by Betsi Keinhardt

observations

On a bus, listening to old women talk.
One of them-so old she's not
sure of where she's going.
She pulls the buzzer; she gets off.
The other one is left there sitting,
alone.

In an old, brown woolen
coat she sits, an ancient matriarch
Poor, yet still proud, not slumping
at all.
Clutching an old, orange purse tightly
in her hands.
She looks as though all the dust of
time has gathered on her,
But not on her spirit.
She stands by the door waiting
to alight from the bus.

The bus stops; she gets off and
trudges down a road as dusty as she is,
lost in the fantasy of her dreams
and the reality of today.

Puzzling

by (JUST RIGHT)

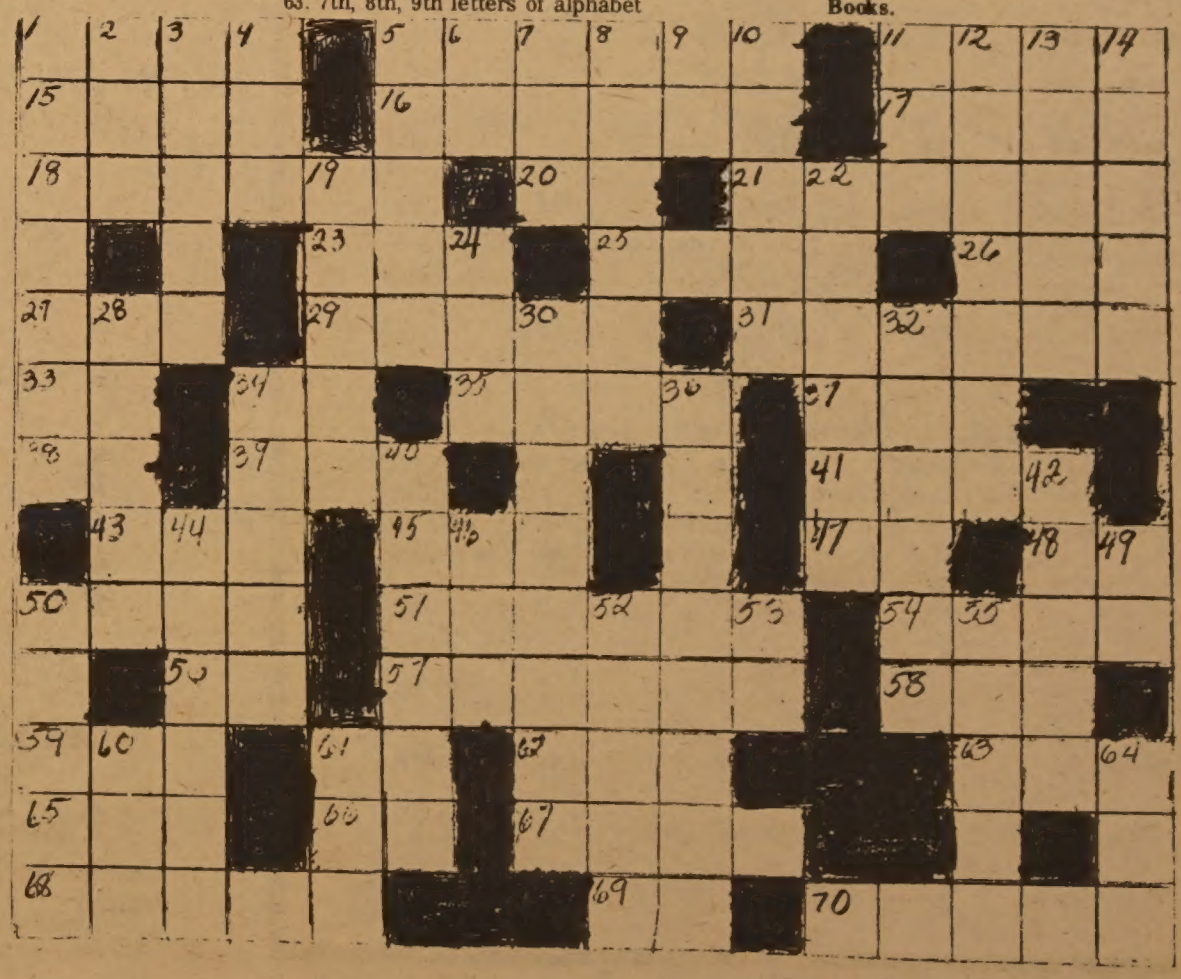
Across

1. Wine
5. Three times
11. Capital of Peru
15. move very slowly & painstakingly.
16. "A plague o' both your_____.
17. Son of Judah
18 Puccini opera, set in Paris.
20. The (Spanish)
21. Cherishing a desire for

Down

1. Hair ornaments
2. John Lennon's widow
3. Already (German)
4. Exclamation (obsolete)
5. Byzantine province
6. Rallying cry
7. Poe's story about a morgue
8. Dr. Moreau's bailiwick
10. Honorific, in India
11. Hack off
12. First
13. Hand (Latin)
14. Dread
19. Customs
22. Verdi opera, adapted from Shakespearean tragedy
24. Cleopatra's murderer
28. Movie director-comedian: Mr. Allen
30. Gilbert & Sullivan operetta
32. Gaelic form of name James (var.)
34. Claw
36. Bony framework
40. Secret
42. Bath-sheba's husband, the Hittite
44. Wake up
46. Western College;____Tech.
49. Commercial
50. Close
52. Loincoth, in India
53. River; stream (dialect)
55. Evening worship service (Russian Orthodox liturgy)
60. Recent
61. Conjunction
64. "Wobblies" (abbreviation)
23. Grandmother (German)
25. Help
26. Man's nickname (anagram)
27. Possess
29 Plant secretion
31. Ward off
33. Negative
34. Variation of to
35. "Houses" for peas
37. Meadow
38. Very
39. He defeated Zerah, the Ethiopian
41. Berg opera heroine
43. Lentils, in India
45. Nipper's corporation
47. Mantra
48. Sun god
50. Beginner
51. Bell, book, & _____
54. Eager
56. supported from beneath
57. Ms. Gibson, tennis star
58. Pueblo tribe of New Mexico
59. Wildebeest
61. Indefinite article
62. Very popular (slang)
63. 7th, 8th, 9th letters of alphabet
65. Masculine contraction
66. compass point
67. English school
68. Scottish river
69. Within a particular place
70. Relative of spouse

Send completed puzzle to Jane Rawoff by February 15, 1982. Winner will receive $5 gift certificate from Fat Cat Books.



SPORTS

Hockey Team Faces Hard Times

by Herb Griffith

This week's top-selling single record is Olivia Newton-John's "Physical", and the country's number-one movie is "Neighbors." Reggie is off to join the California Angels, and the San Francisco 49ers are pro-football's best team.

That just about says it all. Indeed, these ARE difficult times. The "lean years" if you will. And nobody knows that better than the Broome Community College hockey team.

Look at them and you will find a team that jumped out to an impressive 5-1 start early this season. Look at them and you will find a team that has beaten such reputable foes as Erie Community College (of Buffalo) and Morris County College (of Morristown, N.J.). But, look at them lately and you will find a team that has not won a single game in its last five outings and has been outscored by a total of 42-7 during that time.

The reasons for the Hornets' recent slump are no doubt many. But, the two most noticeable reasons have been; 1.) The high caliber of the teams that BCC has had to face this year, and 2.) the lack of an effective offensive attack during the last few games.

In attempting to upgrade the varsity hockey program at BCC, coach George Higgenbottom has scheduled games against opponents who are not only highly respected in New York State, but who also receive national recognition as well. The Hornets have faced such teams as the Elmira College J. V.'s and the Hamilton College J.V.'s, both of which have varsity teams that compete nationally in Division II of the NCAA. BCC has also faced a tough North Country Community College team (Lake Placid, N. Y.) which usually occupies a top spot in the National Junior College rankings each year. As a result of scheduling such games, Higgenbottom hopes to receive some type of recognition for his team, which is only in its third season as a varsity sport at Broome.

The other reason for the team's mid-season drought has been the failure to put the puck past opposing goaltenders in recent games. Noticeably missing from the lineup this semester are wingers Joe Wickham and Bill Stoker. Wickham (broken ankle) and Stoker (academically ineligible) made up the heart and soul of the Hornet offense and both are among the top-three leading scorers on the team. Without these two key players, the team has averaged just over one goal per game in its last five games.

That's not to say that the Hornets don't have any players who can score goals. Second-year centermen Bob Laszewski and Bruce MacLeod have been bright spots all season as have a host of other forwards including John Anderson, Phil Wickham, and Scott Soule, to name a few.

Mark Rothwell, this year's team captain, heads a solid defensive unit which is backed up by goaltender Fran Cordisco. With a little luck and a lot of hard work, the Hornets hope to get their offense back on track and start winning games the way they were at the beginning of the season.

Indeed, these ARE difficult times. With Brooke Shields glaring out at us from the covers of People and Cosmopolitan, and Cher making a comeback, how much lower can we sink? Oh well, even if it is only the BCC hockey team, at least there is hope somewhere that things will get better soon. God knows they can't get much worse.

Good Luck!

Remaining Schedule:

Wed., Feb. 10	Hamilton College "B"	7:15 PM
Sat., Feb. 13	at Syracuse University	7:00 PM
Sat., Feb. 20	Skidmore College	7:15 PM
Sun., Feb. 21	at St. Bonaventure University	1:00 PM
Fri., Feb. 26	Elmira College J.V.'s	8:30 PM
Sun., Feb. 28	St. Bonaventure University	3:30 PM
Sun., March 7	Siena College	3:30 PM

(Note: All home games at Chenango Ice Rink)

Anyone interested in contributing to the Fulcrum, whether it is Sports, Creative Corner, or general news, is welcome. Stop in at the office.

Schedule of Spring Events:

February 6 . . . CHICAGO CITY LIMITS and SOUND AROUND.

February 13 . . . Dinner Dance.

February 13 . . . KID'S FUN DAY

February 19 . . . College Hours, FANCY TRAIN (cafeteria)

March 19 . . . Mixer with NEXUS

April 16 . . . Mixer with TNT

April 23 . . . Mixer with TOKYO
Tentative hold for convocation with
BRUCE WEITZ (star of Hill Street Blues)

April 24 . . . SENIOR DINNER DANCE

April 27 with 28 and 29 as alternate dates . . SPRING PICNIC. It will be held at Chenango Valley State Park. The mugs are ordered. Hospital wrist bands ordered for positive identification. The programmer for this event is Scott Thiele. There will be eight faculty-staff hired. No band has been hired as yet. The policy of NO GUESTS this year is being discussed.

April 30 . . . Awards Banquet

May 8 . . . College Choir Concert in the Little Theatre

May 8 . . . Adult Club-GHOST TOWN IN THE GLEN

May 15 . . . Adult Club-Wine Tour (possible)

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